## Northgate Coordinated Transportation Investment Plan (CTIP) Project Evaluation Criteria Public Comments and SDOT Responses

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Increase the maximum point total for Environmental Sustainability from 5 to 10.

We have attempted to balance the rankings and weights of the evaluation criteria to generally reflect community and City goals and objectives for transportation project improvements. Also, it is important to recognize that individual projects will undergo environmental review at the project level.

• Revise goals' language for environmental criteria to read, "Does not impact critical areas, where positive actions get positive points while negative impacts get negative points."

The Environmental Sustainability criteria will be scored along a range that will gain positive points for positive impacts and negative points for negative impacts. We would modify the goals' language to read "does not negatively impact critical areas."

• Neighborhood Livability should include more than direct traffic-related criteria and incorporate aesthetic and other benefits.

We agree. The document and criteria will be modified to reflect a wider range of benefits to neighborhoods.

• Pedestrian Mobility makes no mention of better drainage to prevent pedestrians from walking through puddles and catchments of runoff.

Projects that include drainage improvements that would fix a problem that made it more difficult for pedestrians will gain points for improving Pedestrian Mobility.

• Transit Rider Mobility makes no mention of frequency of service on high use, key routes.

We agree and the document's language will be modified to make the goal of service frequency to key destinations more clear

• Infrastructure Preservation/Maintenance makes no mention of associated drainage improvements.

Transportation projects with associated drainage improvements would gain points under the criteria of Infrastructure Preservation/Maintenance.

Environmental Sustainability seems like it is not finished. It could use tree removal
versus tree installation, planting strips versus no planting strips, green grid natural
drainage versus standard impervious surface, etc.

Projects that support environmental sustainability such as a natural drainage system associated with a new sidewalk would gain points under the criteria of Environmental Sustainability.